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REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 13-26, 29-37, and 40-44 are in this application.

A telephone conference between Examiner Contee and Dennis Smid (one of the applicants undersigned attorneys) was held on July 16, 2002.

During the July 16th telephone conference, the Examiner requested that a Terminal Disclaimer directed to U.S. Patent No. 5,970,393 be filed in the present application. In response thereto, a Terminal Disclaimer directed to U.S. Patent No. 5,970,393 along with a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) accompany this Amendment.

Further, during the July 16th telephone conference, the Examiner indicated that the present claims are allowable.

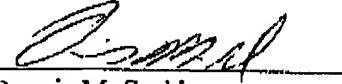
In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are allowable, and an early official notice to that effect is solicited.

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